

Physics of right-handed neutrinos -- tests of the seesaw mechanism --

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- Introduction
 - ▣ the seesaw mechanism for neutrino masses
- Limits on heavy neutral leptons in the seesaw mechanism
 - ▣ neutrino masses, cosmology, direct/indirect searches
- Lepton number violation in the seesaw mechanism
 - ▣ neutrinoless double beta decay
 - ▣ $e^- e^- \rightarrow W^- W^-$ ("*inverse neutrinoless double beta decay*")
- Perturbativity in the seesaw mechanism
- Summary



Introduction

- Neutrino mass scales
 - ▣ Atmospheric: $\Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2 \simeq 2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{eV}^2$
 - ▣ Solar : $\Delta m_{\text{sol}}^2 \simeq 7.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{eV}^2$

⇒ **Clear signal for new physics beyond the SM !**

- Important questions:
 - ▣ **What is the origin of neutrino masses?**
 - ▣ **What are the implications to other physics?**
 - ▣ **How do we test it experimentally?**

RH Neutrinos ν_R and Seesaw Mechanism

$$\delta L = i\bar{\nu}_R \partial_\mu \gamma^\mu \nu_R - F \bar{L} \nu_R \Phi - \frac{M_M}{2} \bar{\nu}_R \nu_R^c + \text{h.c.}$$

Minkowski '77

Yanagida '79

Gell-Mann, Ramond, Slansky '79

Glashow '79

- Seesaw mechanism ($M_D = F\langle\Phi\rangle \ll M_M$)

$$-L = \frac{1}{2} (\bar{\nu}_L, \bar{\nu}_R^c) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & M_D \\ M_D^T & M_M \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L^c \\ \nu_R \end{pmatrix} + \text{h.c.} = \frac{1}{2} (\bar{\nu}, \bar{N}^c) \begin{pmatrix} M_\nu & 0 \\ 0 & M_M \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu^c \\ N \end{pmatrix} + \text{h.c.}$$

$$M_\nu = -M_D^T \frac{1}{M_M} M_D$$

$$U^T M_\nu U = \text{diag}(m_1, m_2, m_3)$$

□ Light active neutrinos ν

→ explain neutrino oscillations

□ Heavy neutral leptons N

$$(N \simeq \nu_R)$$

- Mass M_M
- Mixing $\Theta = M_D/M_M$

mixing in CC current $\nu_L = U \nu + \Theta N^c$

Citation: K.A. Olive *et al.* (Particle Data Group), *Chin. Phys.* **C38**, 090001 (2014) (URL: <http://pdg.lbl.gov>)

Heavy Neutral Leptons, Searches for

(A) Heavy Neutral Leptons

Stable Neutral Heavy Lepton MASS LIMITS

Note that LEP results in combination with REUSSER 91 exclude a fourth stable neutrino with $m < 2400$ GeV.

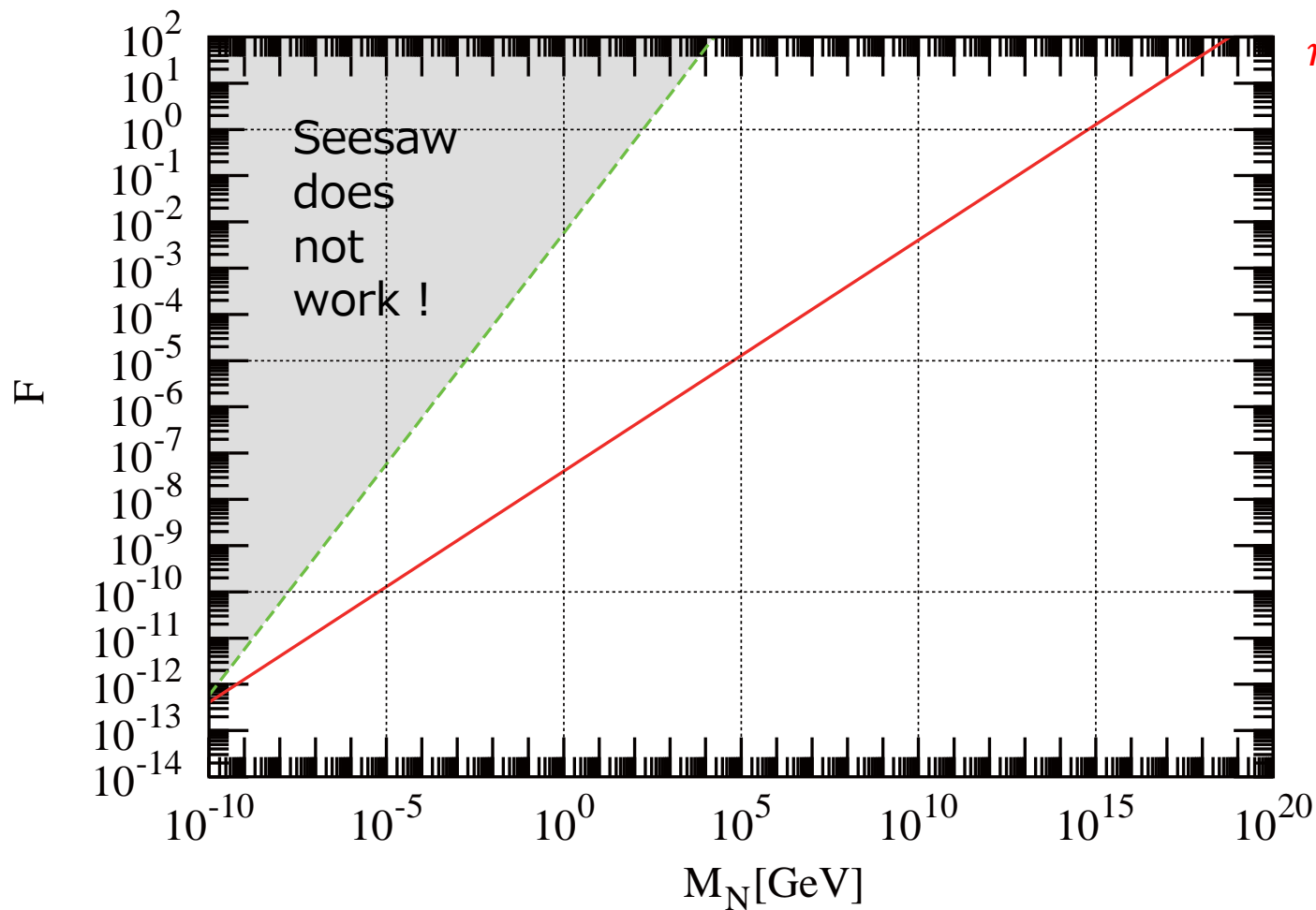
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>42.8	95	¹ ADEVA	90S L3	Dirac
>34.8	95	¹ ADEVA	90S L3	Majorana
>42.7	95	DECAMP	90F ALEP	Dirac

¹ADEVA 90S limits for the heavy neutrino apply if the mixing with the charged leptons satisfies $|U_{1i}|^2 + |U_{2i}|^2 + |U_{3i}|^2 > 6.2 \times 10^{-8}$ at $m_{10} = 20$ GeV and $> 5.1 \times 10^{-10}$

Yukawa Coupling and Mass of HNL

$$F = \frac{\sqrt{m_\nu M_N}}{\langle \Phi \rangle}$$

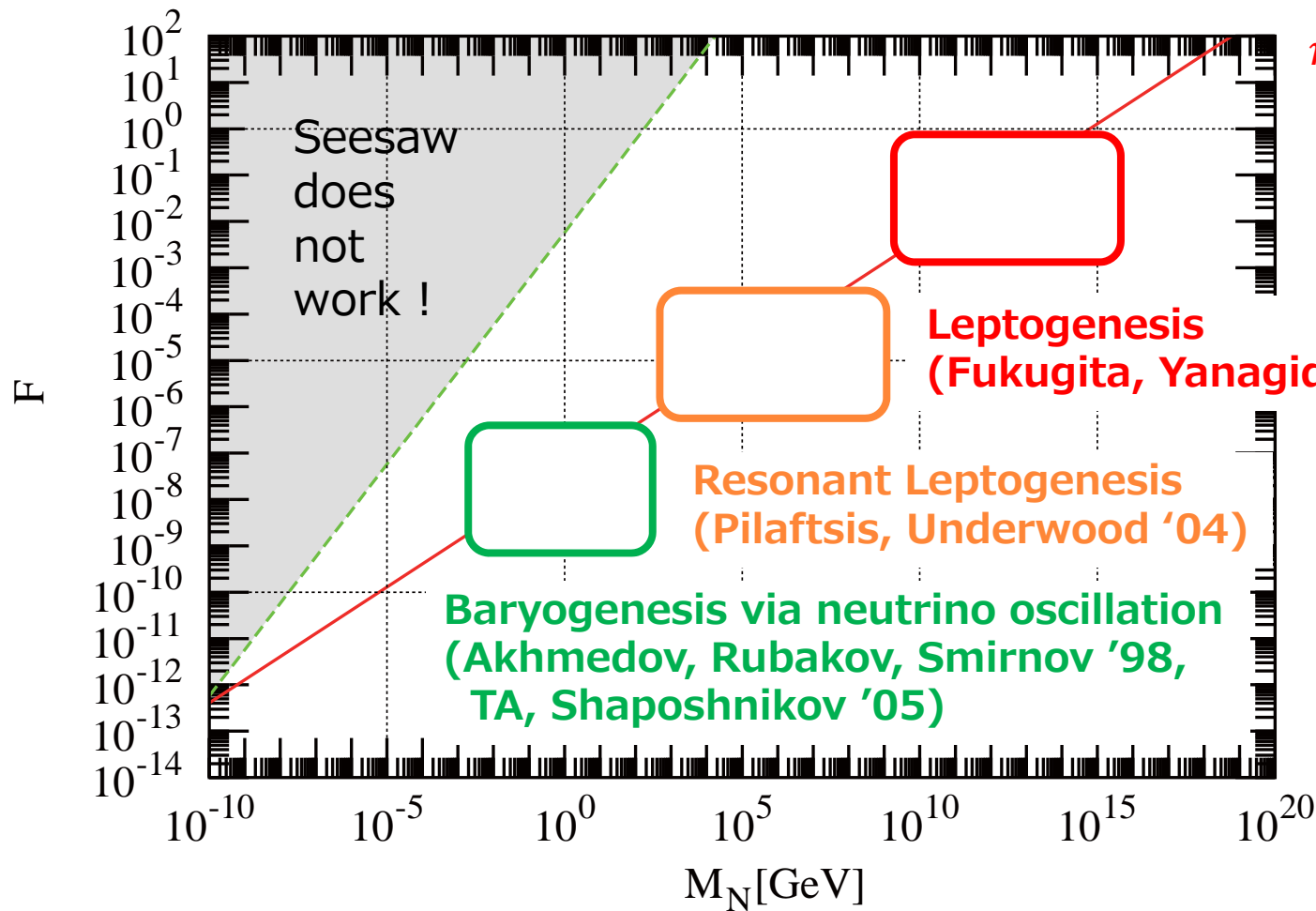
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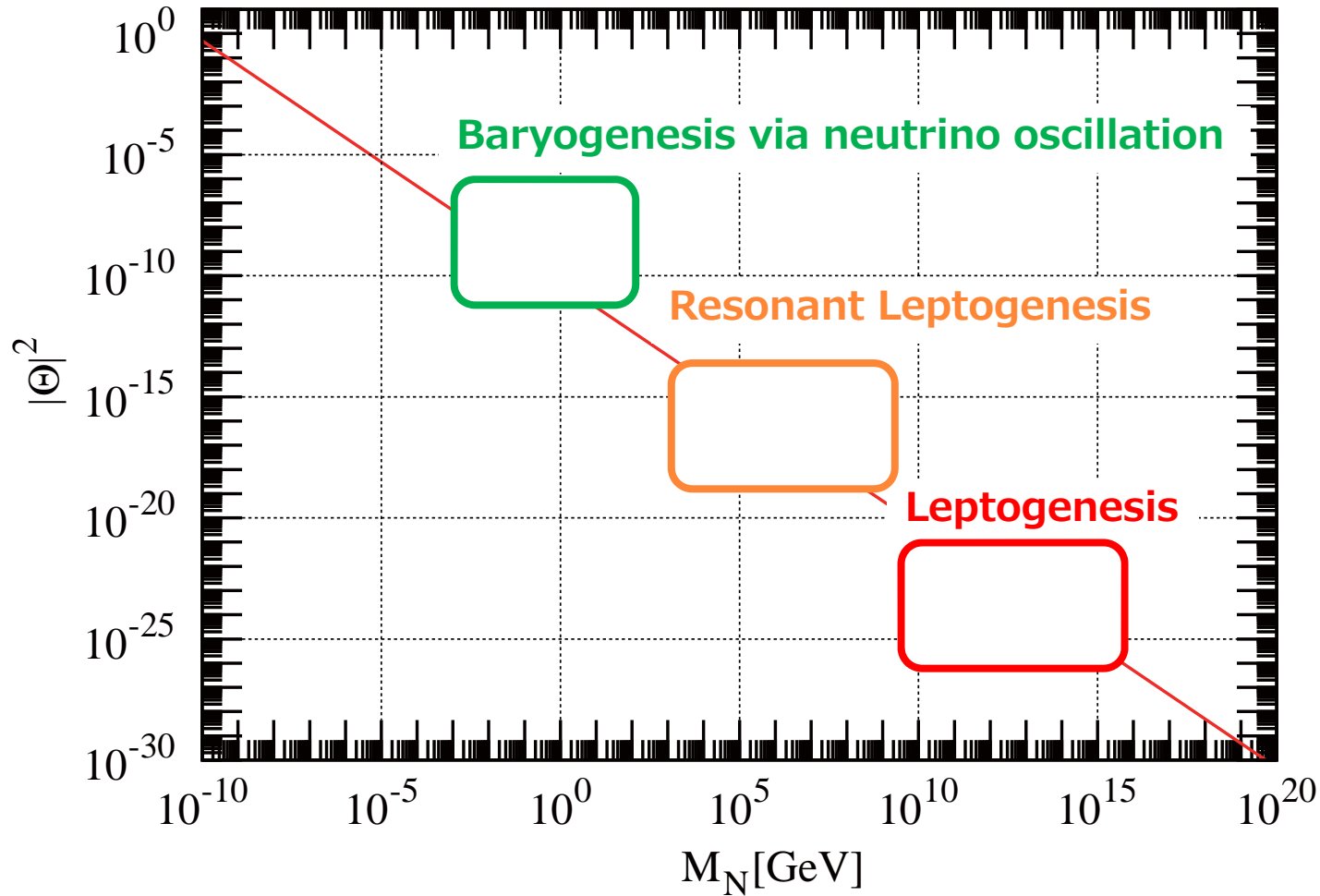
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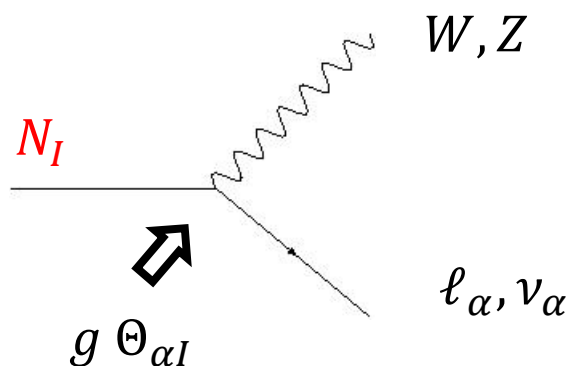
Mixing and Mass of HNL

$$|\Theta|^2 = \frac{M_D^2}{M_N^2} = \frac{m_\nu}{M_N} \quad m_\nu = 5 \times 10^{-11} \text{ GeV}$$



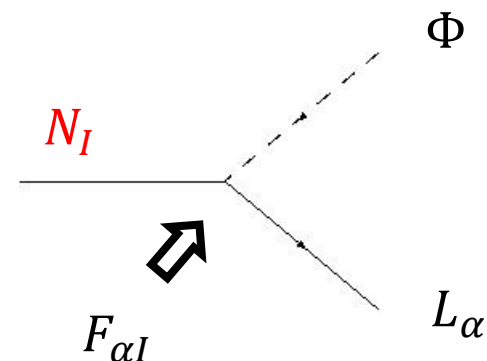
- Interactions of HNL

gauge interaction through mixing



→ relevant for search experiments

Yukawa interaction



- Two key parameters of HNL

- ▣ mass M_I

- ▣ mixing $\Theta_{\alpha I}$

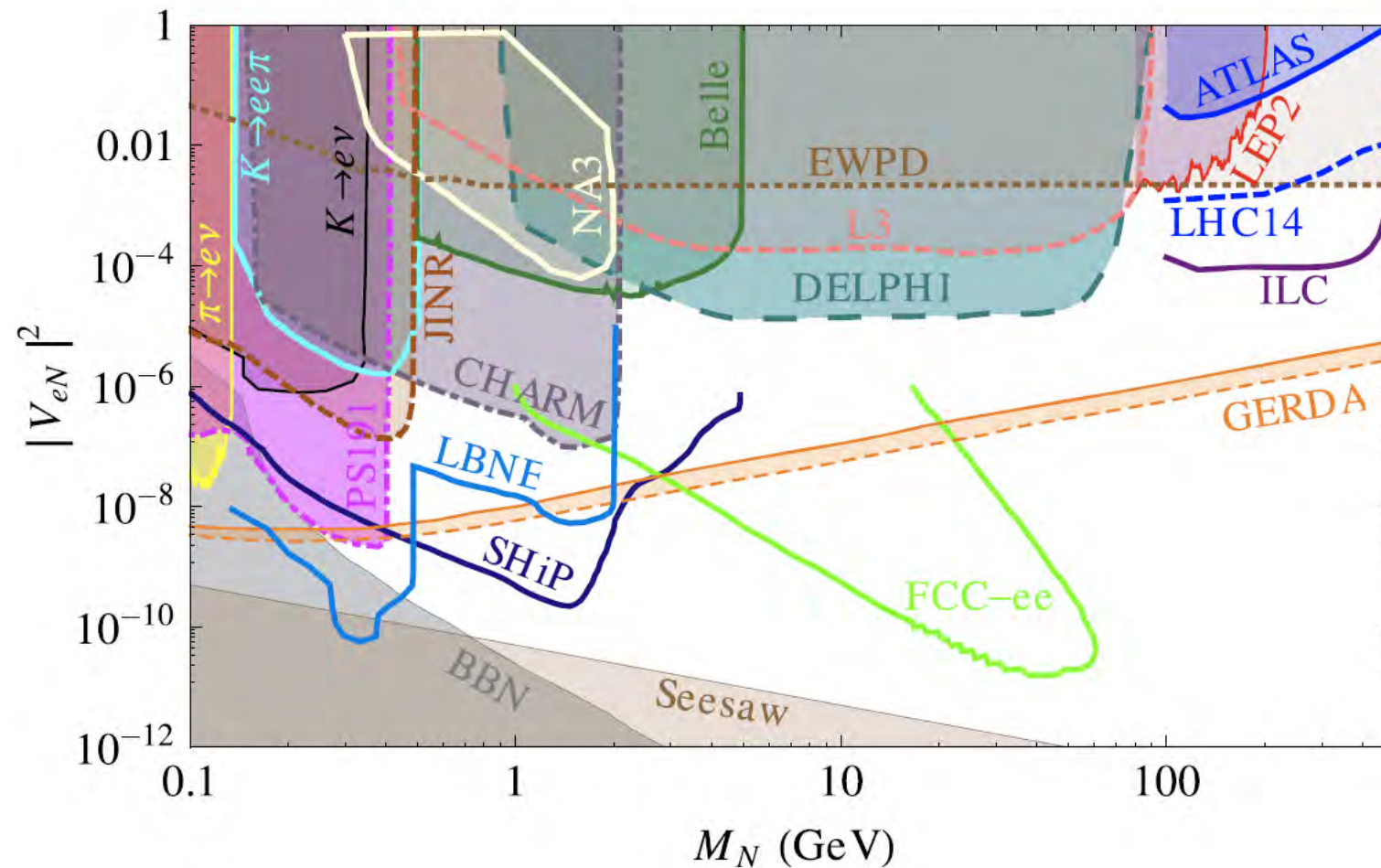
Limits on HNLs in the seesaw mechanism

See, for example, the recent analysis
Deppisch, DeV, Pilaftsis (arXiv:1502.06541)
and references therein.

Limits on mixing of HNL

- Limits on mixing Θ_{eI}

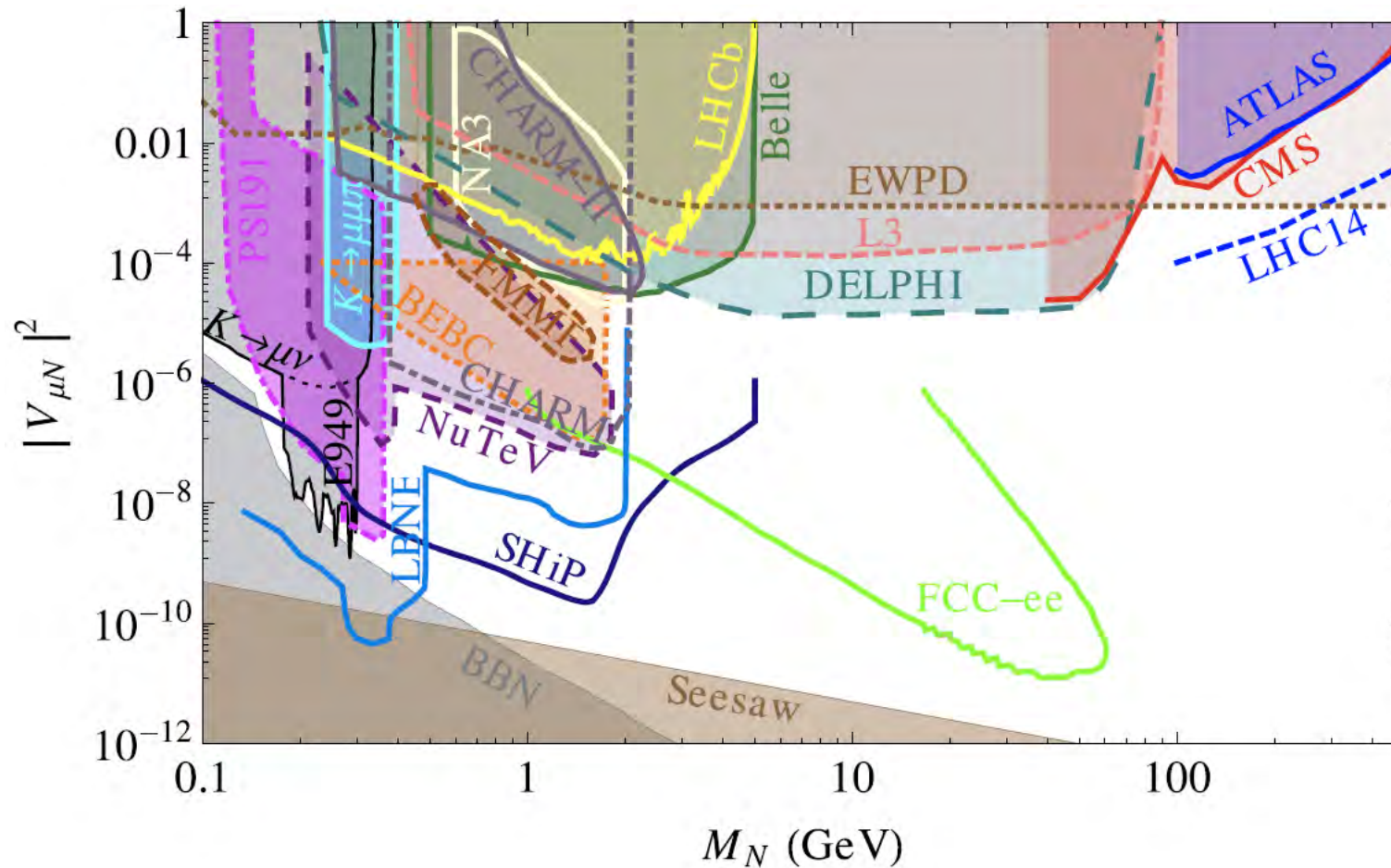
Deppisch, Dev, Pilaftis '15



Limits on mixing of HNL

- Limits on mixing $\Theta_{\mu I}$

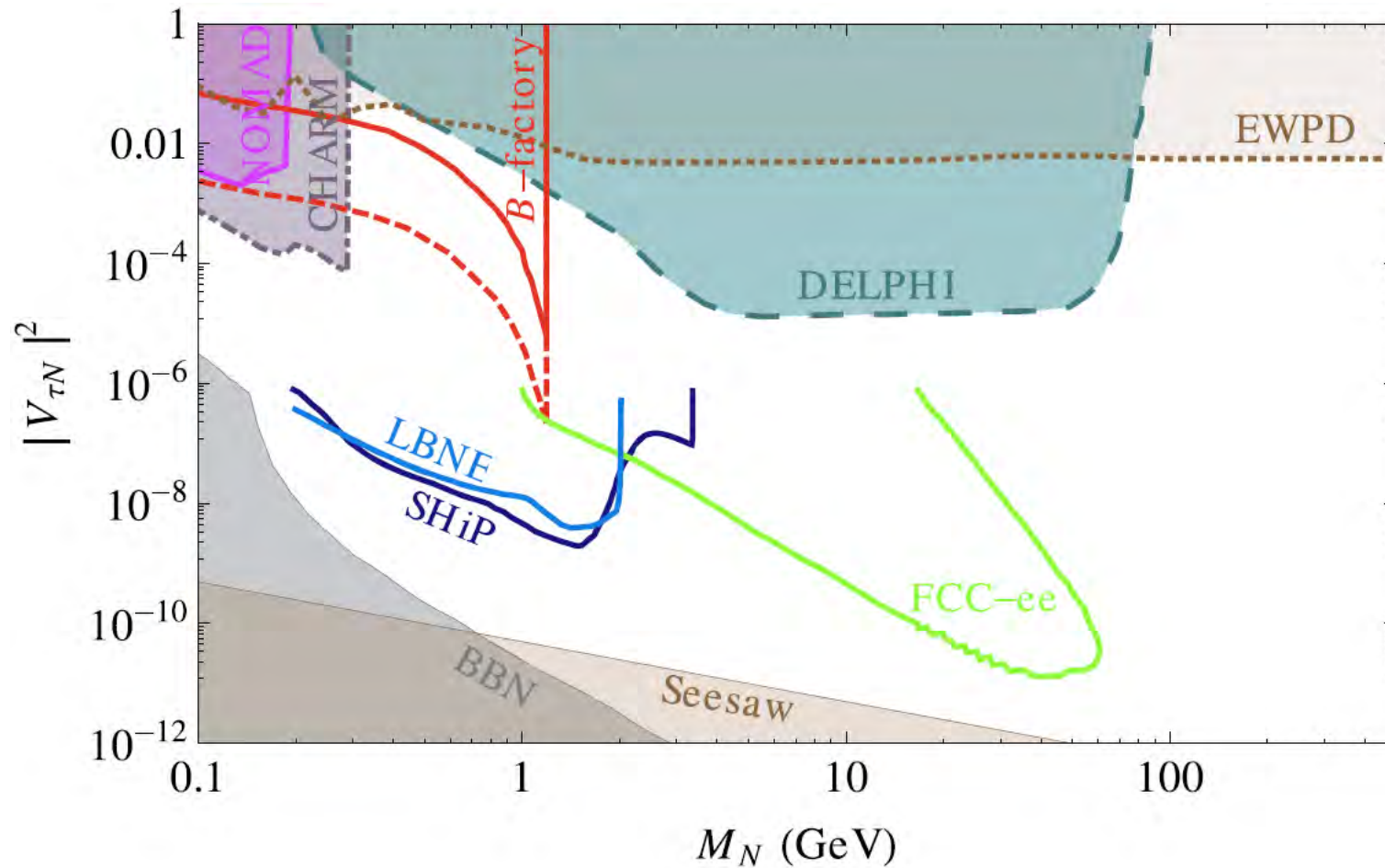
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Limits on mixing of HNL

- Limits on mixing $\Theta_{\tau I}$

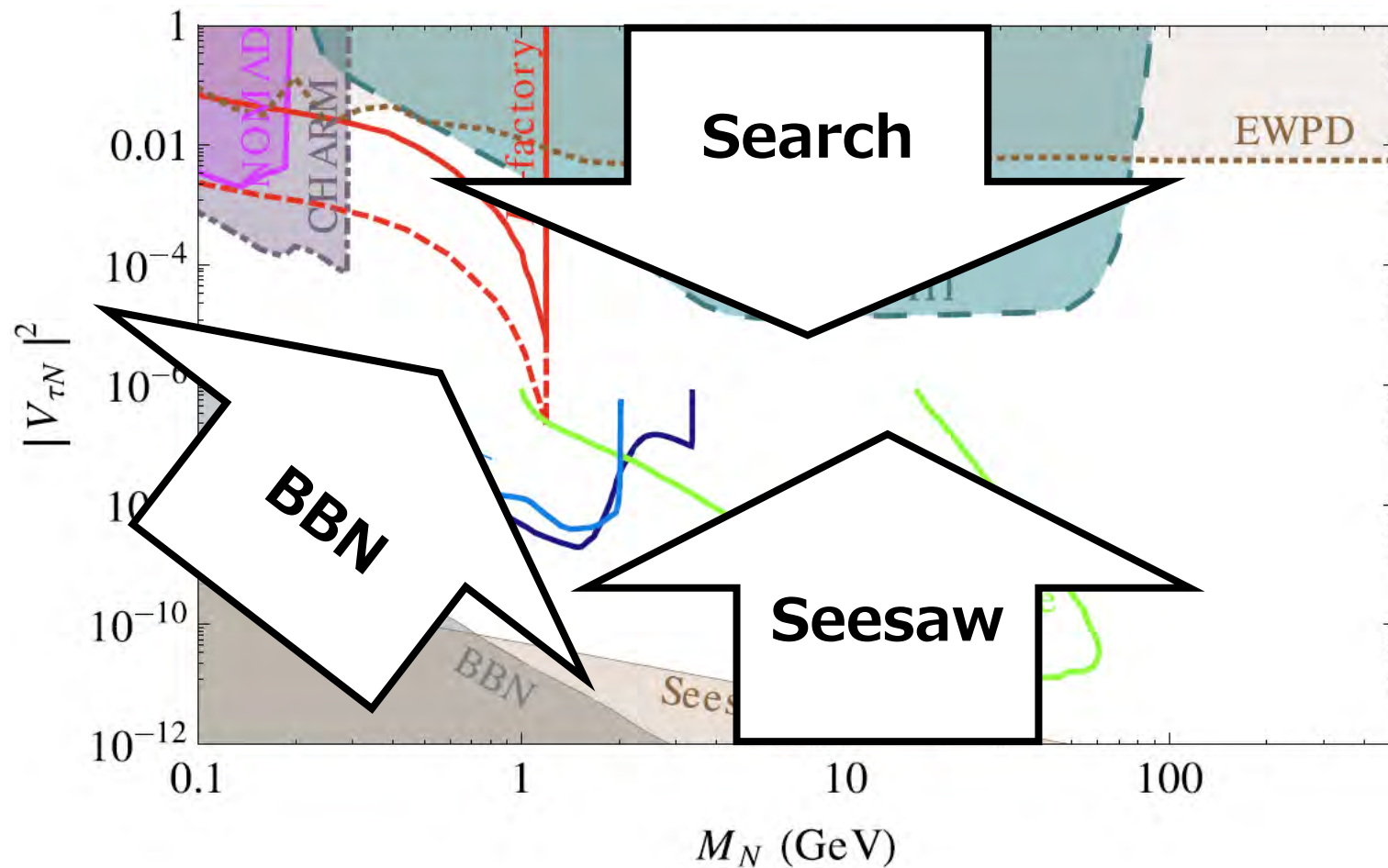
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Limits on mixing of HNL

- Limits on mixing $\Theta_{\tau I}$

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- Mixings of HNL must be sufficiently large to explain masses of active neutrinos !

- Bound on the mixing of the lightest HNL N_1

TA, Tsuyuki '15

$$|\Theta_1|^2 \geq \frac{m_l}{M_1}$$

$$|\Theta_1|^2 \equiv \sum_{\alpha=e,\mu,\tau} |\Theta_{\alpha 1}|^2$$

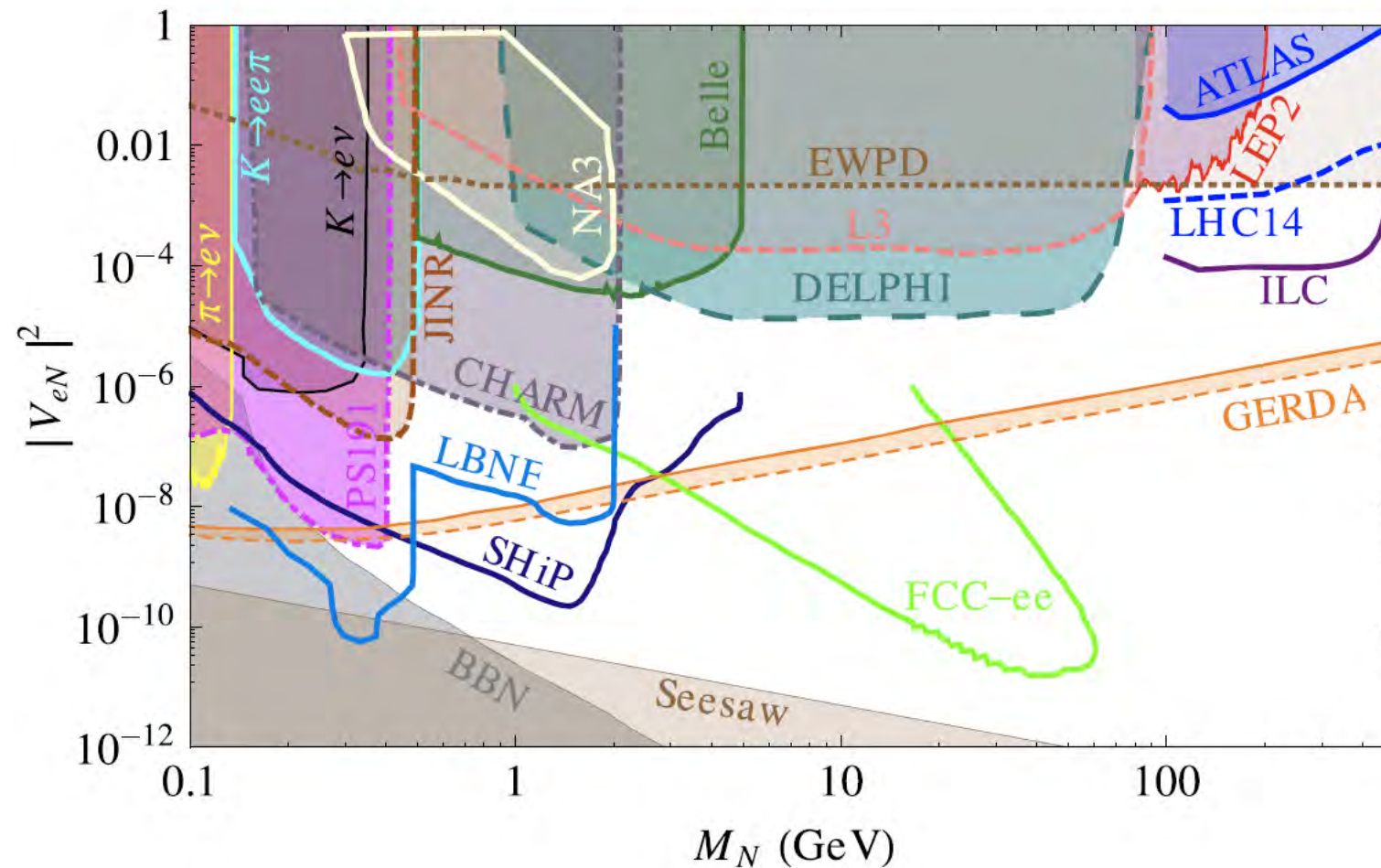
$$m_l = \begin{cases} m_1 (m_3) & \text{in the NH (IH) for 3RHN } (\mathcal{N} = 3) \\ m_2 (m_1) & \text{in the NH (IH) for 2RHN } (\mathcal{N} = 2) \end{cases}$$

NOTE: $|\Theta_1|^2$ can be zero for $\mathcal{N} = 3$

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- Neutrino mass matrix $\widehat{M}_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & M_D \\ M_D^T & M_M \end{pmatrix}$ $\mathbf{0} = [\widehat{M}_\nu]_{\alpha\beta} = [\widehat{U}\widehat{M}_\nu^{diag}\widehat{U}^T]_{\alpha\beta}$

Seesaw relation

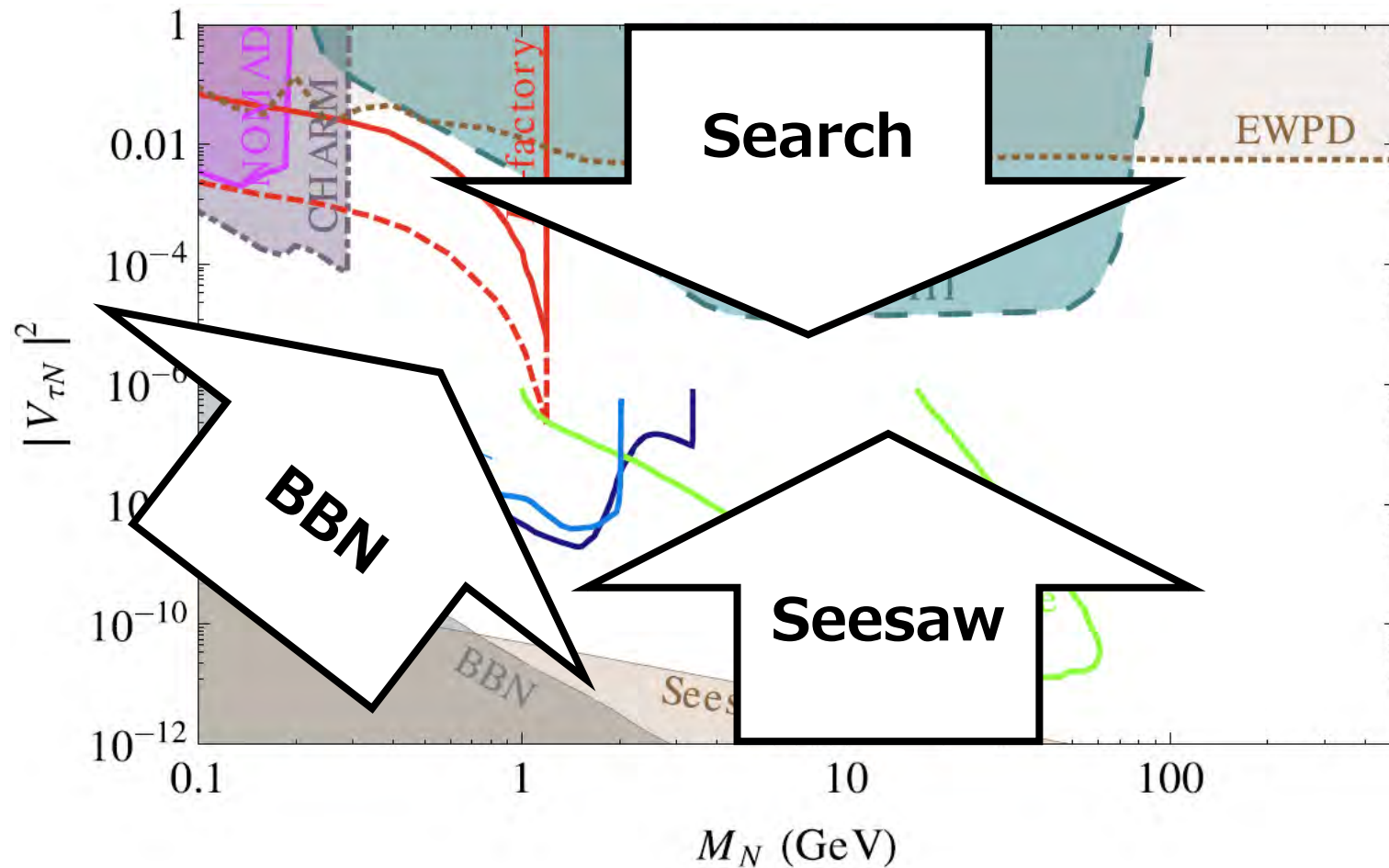
$$0 = \sum_{i=1,2,3} m_i U_{\alpha i} U_{\beta i} + \sum_I M_I \Theta_{\alpha I} \Theta_{\beta I}$$

- When $|\Theta_1|^2 \gg m_\nu/M_1$
 - Cancellation between HNLs is required ← fine tuning
 - Stability of this relation can be ensured by some symmetry
Kersten, Sumirnov '07, ...
 - This relation is crucial in physics of right-handed neutrinos in the seesaw mechanism

Limits on mixing of HNL

- Limits on mixing $\Theta_{\tau I}$

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- Long-lived HNLs may spoil the success of BBN
 - ▣ Speed up the expansion of the universe
 - $\rho_{\text{tot}} = \rho_{\text{SM}} + \rho_N \Rightarrow H^2 = \frac{\rho_{\text{tot}}}{3 M_{\text{P}}^2}$
 - p-n conv. decouples earlier \Rightarrow overproduction of ${}^4\text{He}$
 $n + \nu \leftrightarrow p + e^-, \dots$
 - ▣ Distortion of spectrum of active neutrinos
 - $N \rightarrow \nu \bar{\nu} \nu, e^+ e^- \nu, \dots$
 - Additional neutrinos may not be thermalized

\Rightarrow Upper bound on lifetime

\Rightarrow Lower bound on mixing

Lifetime bound from BBN

Dolgov, Hansen, Raffelt, Semikoz '00

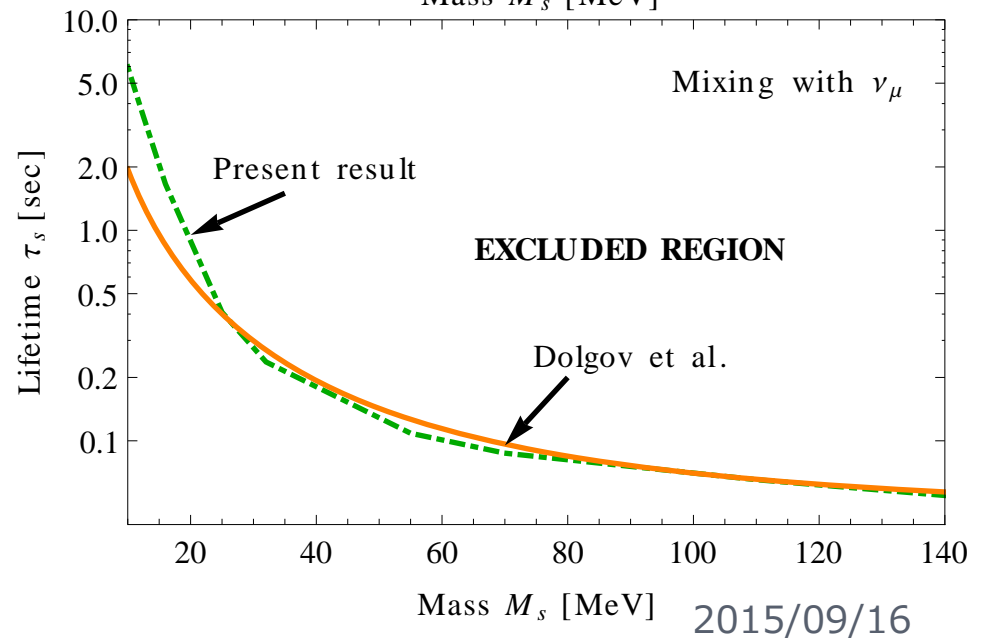
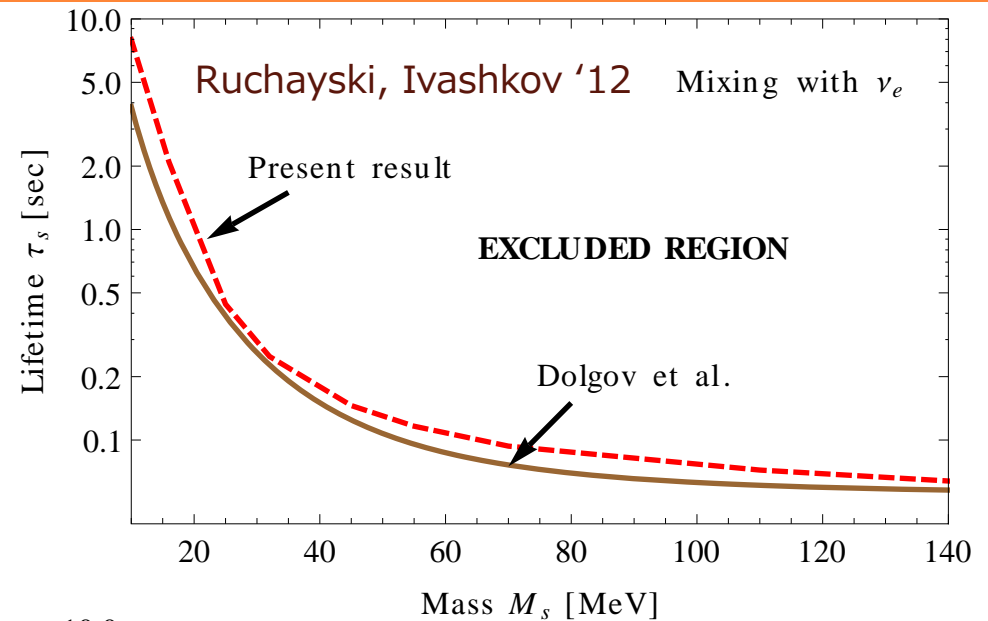
$$M_N < m_\pi$$

$$\tau_N < t_1 (M_N/\text{MeV})^\beta + t_2$$

	$t_1(\text{sec})$	$t_2(\text{sec})$	β
e	128.7	0.04179	-1.828
μ, τ	1699	0.0544	-2.652

$$M_N > m_\pi$$

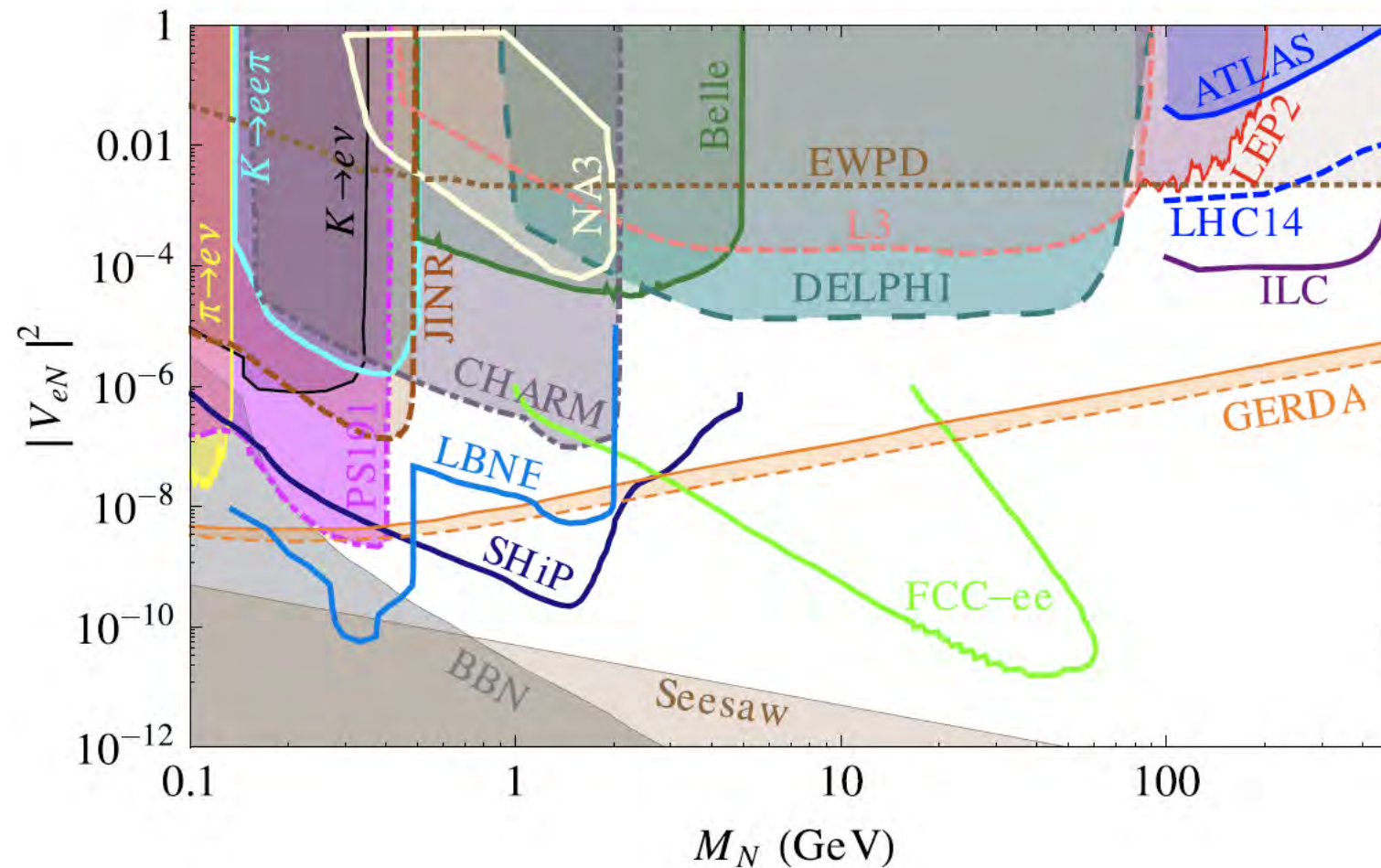
$$\tau_N < 0.1 \text{ sec}$$



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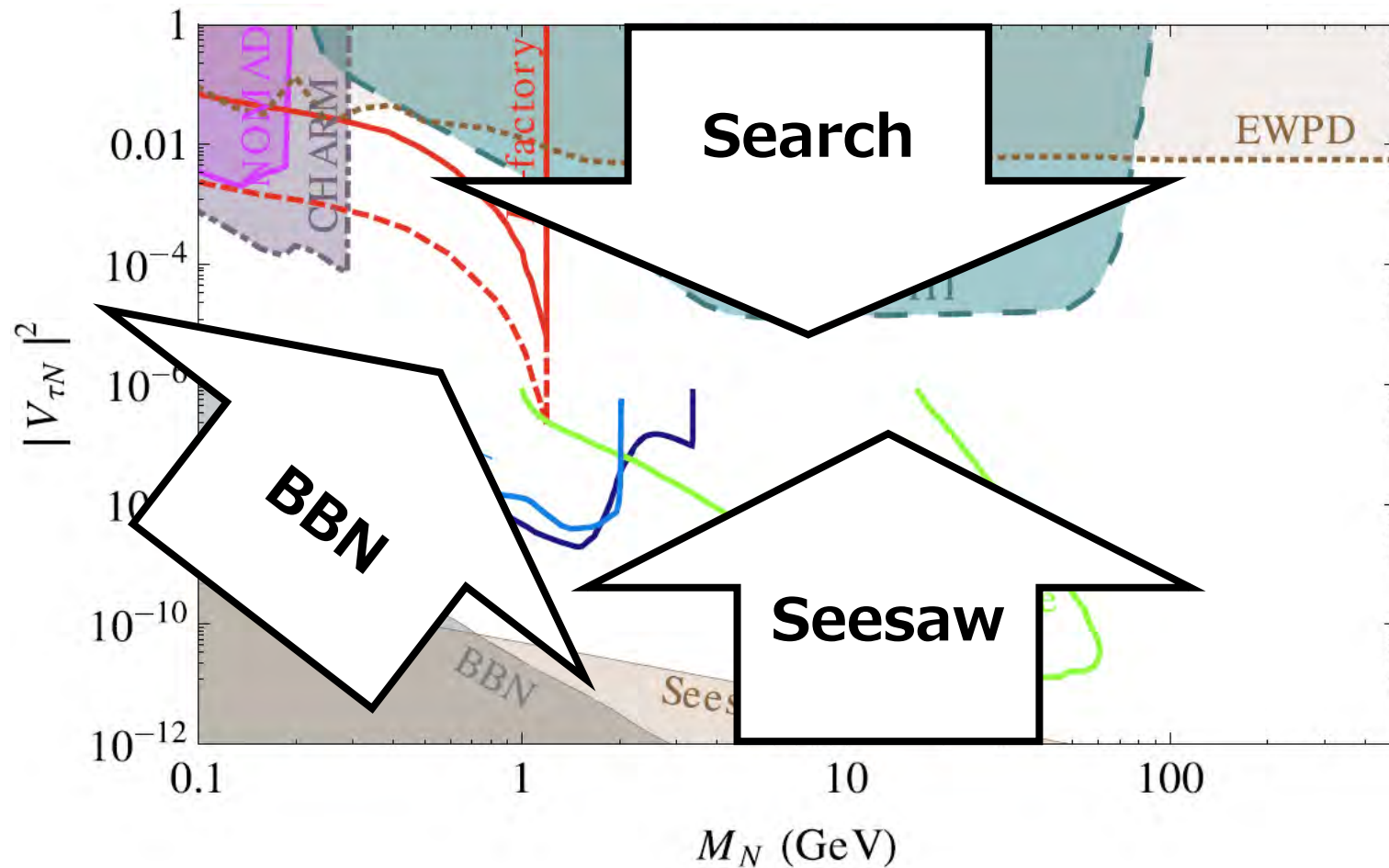
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Indirect search (EWPD)

- PMNS mixing matrix U of active neutrinos is not "UNITARY"

$$UU^\dagger + \Theta\Theta^\dagger = 1$$

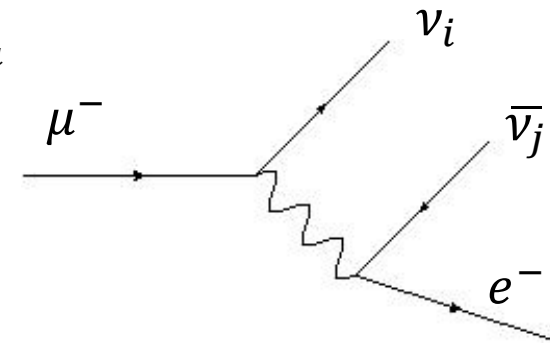
$$\nu_{L\alpha} = U_{\alpha i} \nu_i + \Theta_{\alpha I} N_I^c$$

- Impact of non-unitarity on μ decay: $\mu \rightarrow e \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\mu$

$$\Gamma = \Gamma^{SM} \times (UU^\dagger)_{ee} \times (UU^\dagger)_{\mu\mu}$$

$$G_F^{SM} = \sqrt{2}g^2/(8m_W^2)$$

$$G_F \Big|_{OBS} = G_F^{SM} \times (UU^\dagger)_{ee} \times (UU^\dagger)_{\mu\mu}$$



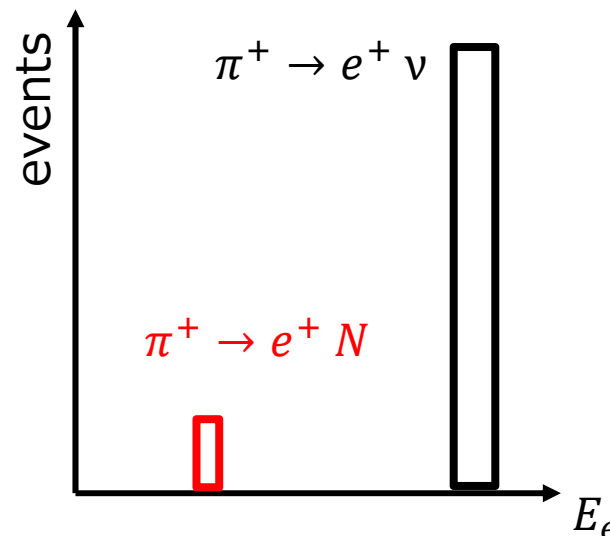
- Upper bound from EW precision data (EWPD) Antusch, Fischer '14
($s_W^2, \Gamma(Z \rightarrow f\bar{f}), \Gamma_{inv}, \Gamma(W \rightarrow \ell\nu), m_W, \text{lepton universality, CKM elements, })$)

$$|\Theta_e|^2 < 2.1 \times 10^{-3}, \quad |\Theta_\mu|^2 < 4 \times 10^{-4}, \quad |\Theta_\tau|^2 < 5.3 \times 10^{-3}$$

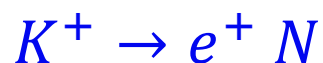
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- Peak search in meson decays ($M^+ \rightarrow \ell^+ N$) [Shrock '80]
 - ▣ Measure E_e in $\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ N$

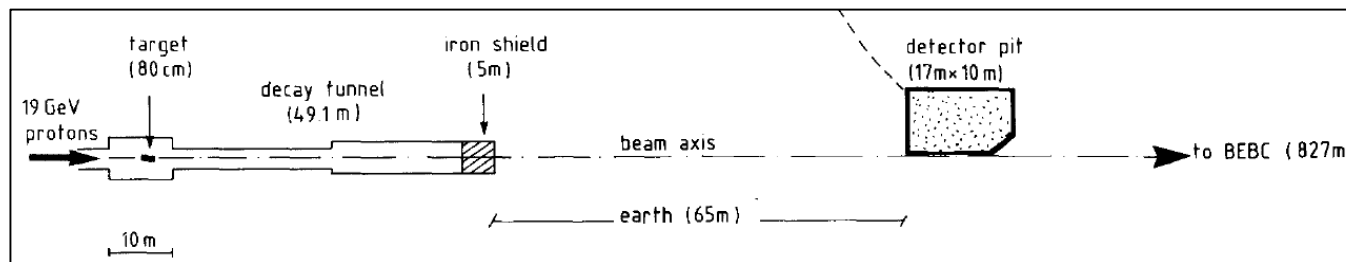
$$E_e = \frac{m_\pi^2 - m_e^2 - M_N^2}{2 m_\pi}$$



- Beam dump experiments



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→ SHiP, LBNE (now DUNE)

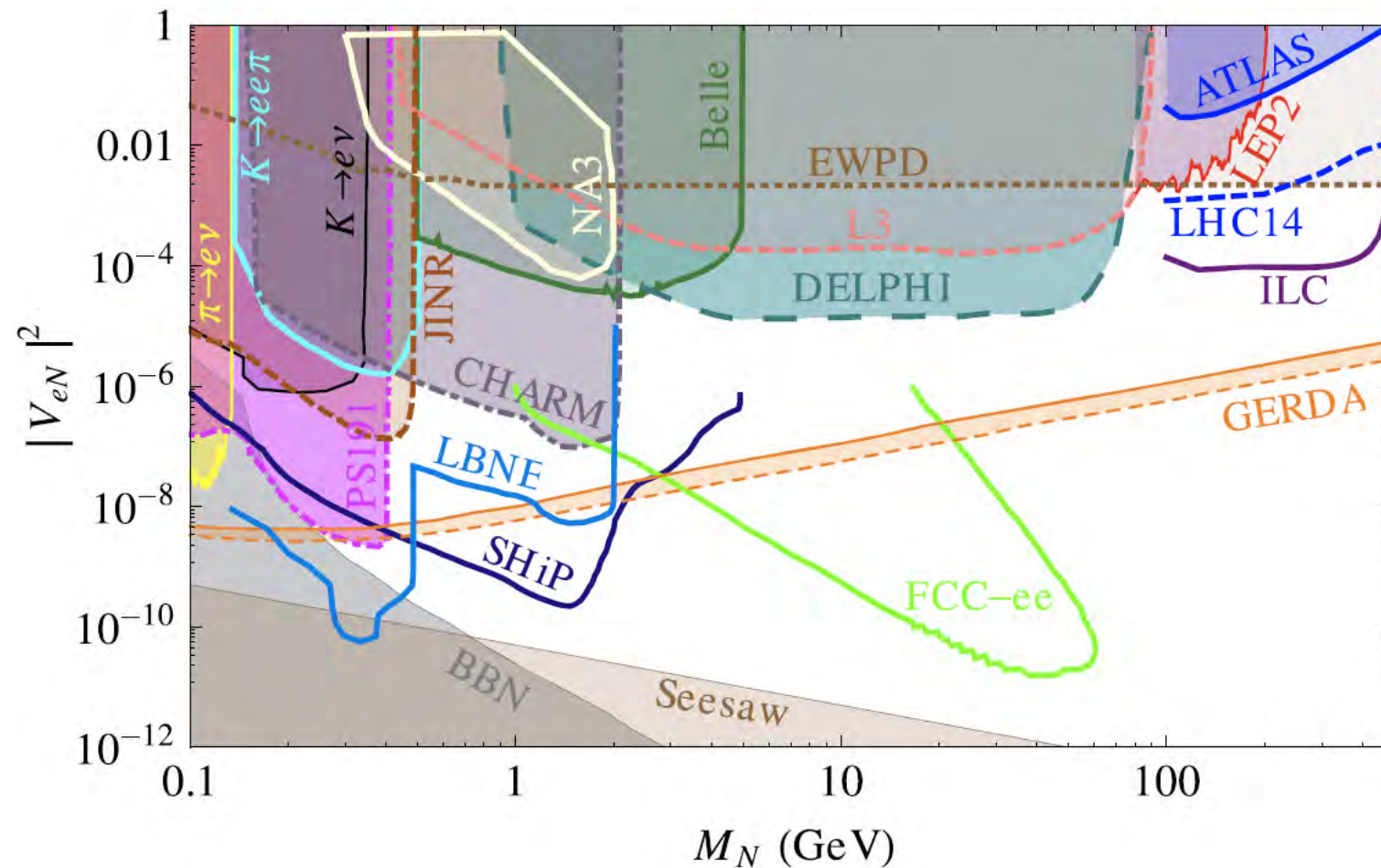
Direct searches

- Search @LEP
 - ▣ $Z \rightarrow \nu N$ ($3.3 \times 10^6 Z$)
 → FCC-ee ($10^{12} Z$)
- Search @LEP II
 - ▣ $e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu N$ ($N \rightarrow e W$ with $W \rightarrow jets$)
 → ILC ($\sqrt{s} = 500 \text{ GeV}, 500 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)
- Search @LHC
 - ▣ $pp \rightarrow \ell^+ N \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^+ j j$
- Search @LHCb
 - ▣ $B^- \rightarrow N \mu^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^- \mu^-$
- Search @Belle
 - ▣ $B^- \rightarrow X \ell N, N \rightarrow e^\pm \pi^\mp, \mu^\pm \pi^\mp$

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Lepton number violation in the seesaw mechanism

- 1) Neutrinoless double beta decay
- 2) Inverse neutrinoless double beta decay

Neutrinoless double beta ($0\nu\beta\beta$) decay

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- Neutrinoless double beta ($0\nu\beta\beta$) decay
 $(Z, A) \rightarrow (Z + 2, A) + 2e^-$

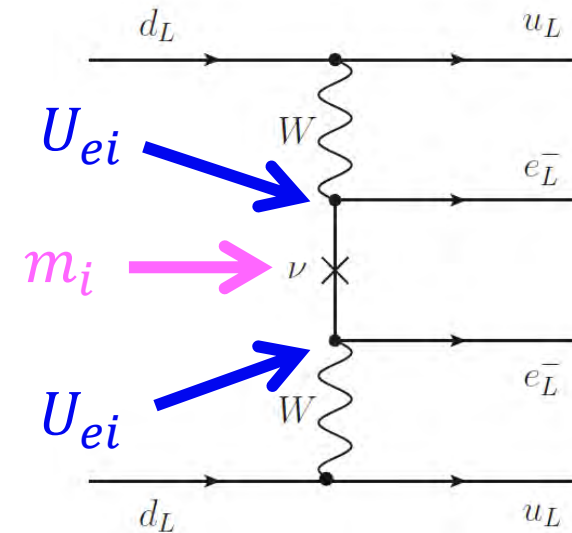
W.H. Furry 1939

- LNV ($\Delta L = +2$) process mediated by Majorana massive neutrinos

- Half-life of $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay

$$T_{1/2}^{-1} = A \frac{m_p^2}{\langle p^2 \rangle^2} |m_{\text{eff}}|^2$$

$$m_{\text{eff}} = \sum_{i=1,2,3} m_i U_{ei}^2 + \dots$$

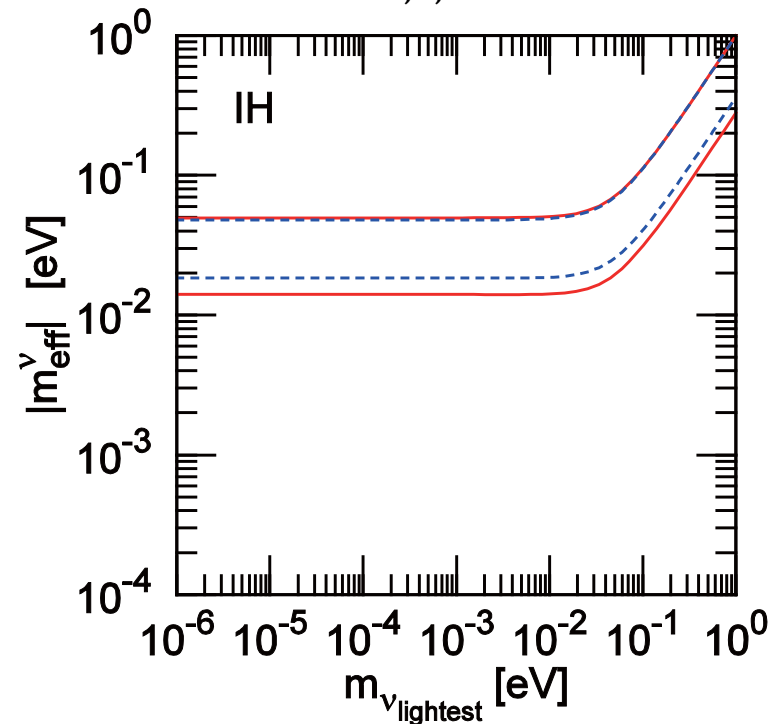
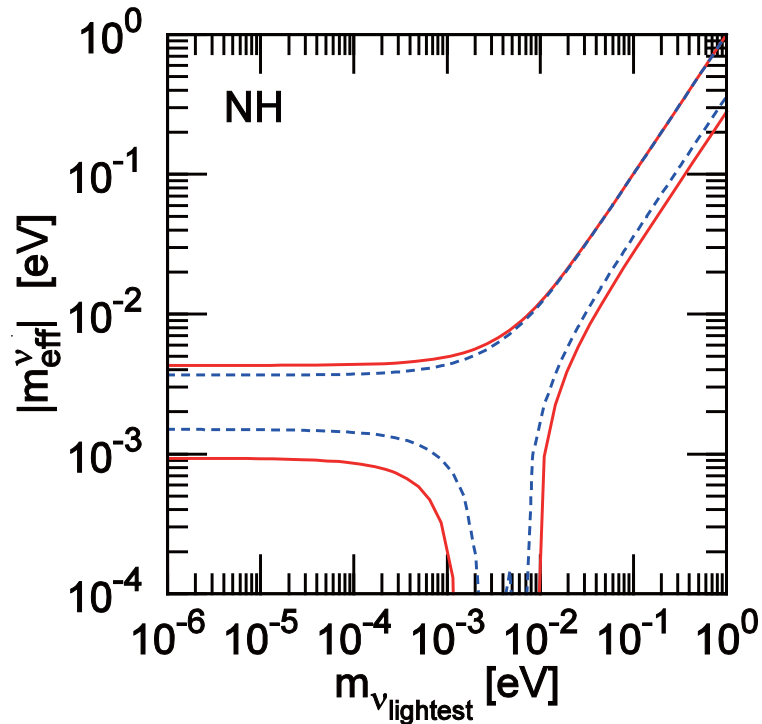


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$0\nu\beta\beta$ decay

- Contribution from active neutrinos

$$m_{\text{eff}}^{\nu} = \sum_{i=1,2,3} m_i U_{ei}^2$$



Planck 2015

$$\sum m_i < 0.23 \text{ eV}$$

$$m_{\nu\text{lightest}} < 0.07 \text{ (0.06) eV}$$

$$m_{\text{eff}} \lesssim (0.185 - 0.276) \text{ eV}$$

$$\text{KamLAND-Zen } 1211.3863 \text{ } ^{136}\text{Xe}$$

$$m_{\text{eff}} \lesssim (0.213 - 0.308) \text{ eV}$$

$$\text{GERDA } 1307.4720 \text{ } ^{76}\text{Ge}$$

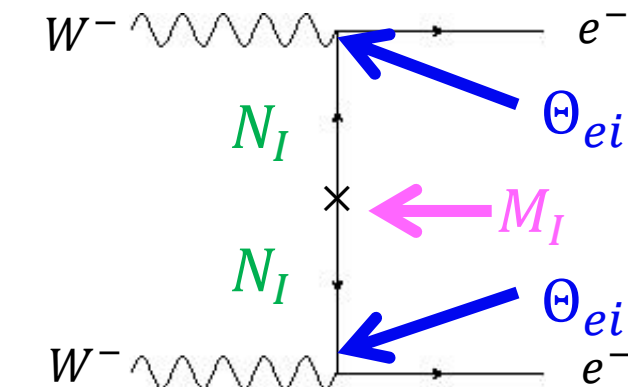
$0\nu\beta\beta$ decay in the seesaw

$$m_{\text{eff}} = \sum_{i=1,2,3} m_i U_{ei}^2 + \sum_I f_\beta(M_I) M_I \Theta_{eI}^2$$

active neutrinos heavy neutral leptons

- HNLs may give a significant contribution to m_{eff} !

$$m_{\text{eff}}^N = \begin{cases} M_I \Theta_{eI}^2 & (M_I^2 \ll \langle p \rangle^2) \\ \frac{\langle p \rangle^2}{M_I} \Theta_{eI}^2 & (M_I^2 \gg \langle p \rangle^2) \end{cases}$$



$$f_\beta(M_I) = \frac{\langle p \rangle^2}{\langle p \rangle^2 + M_I^2}$$

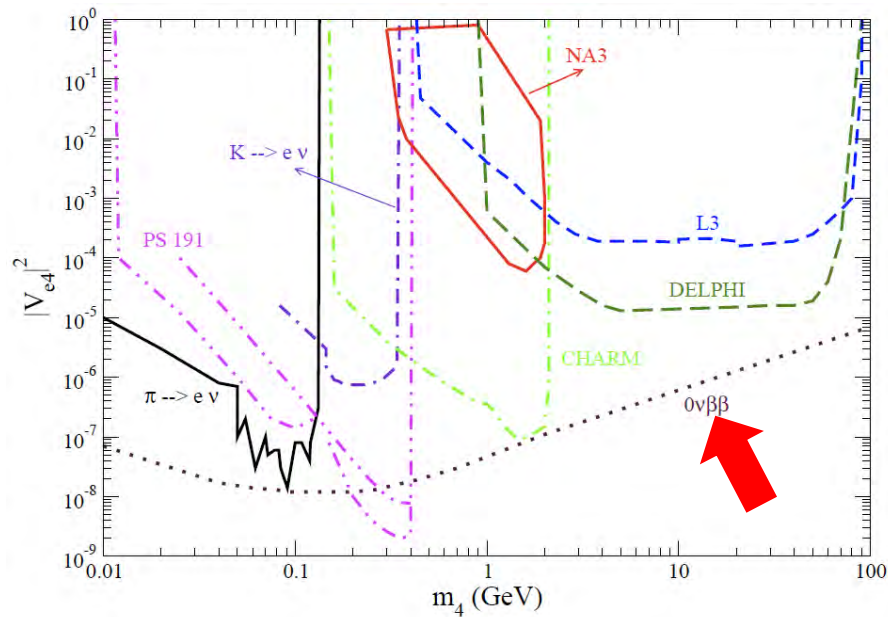
$$\sqrt{\langle p^2 \rangle} \sim 200 \text{ MeV}$$

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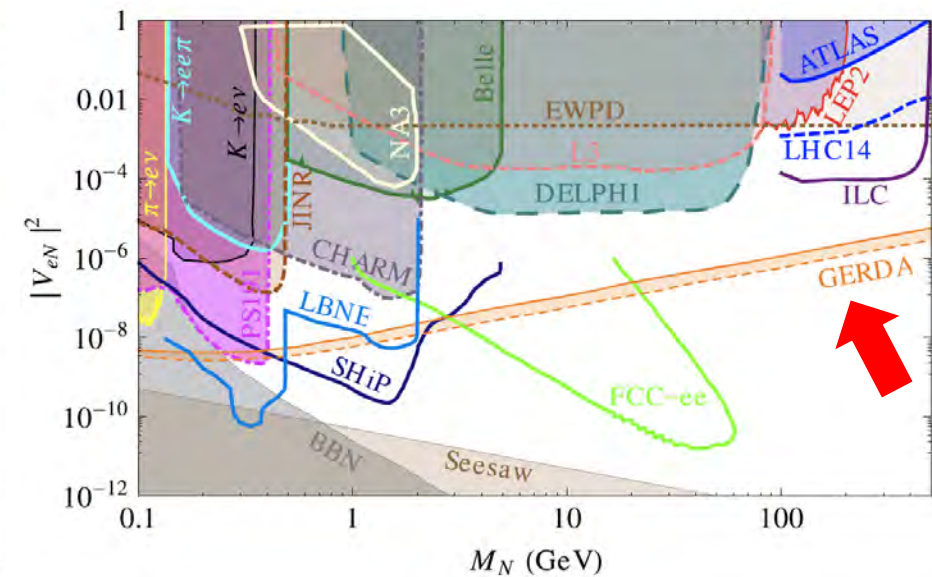
$0\nu\beta\beta$ decay in the seesaw

- Stringent constraint on the mixing:

Atre, Han, Pascoli, Zhang '09



Deppisch, Dev, Pilaftsis '15



This bound cannot be applied to some cases in the seesaw mechanism !

$0\nu\beta\beta$ decay in the seesaw

- Seesaw relation plays an important role !

$$0 = \sum_i m_i U_{ei}^2 + \sum_I M_I \Theta_{eI}^2$$

- When all HNLs are light $M_I \ll \sqrt{\langle p^2 \rangle} \sim 0.1$ GeV (i.e. $f_\beta = 1$),

$$m_{\text{eff}} = \sum_i m_i U_{ei}^2 + \sum_I f_\beta(M_I) M_I \Theta_{eI}^2 = 0$$

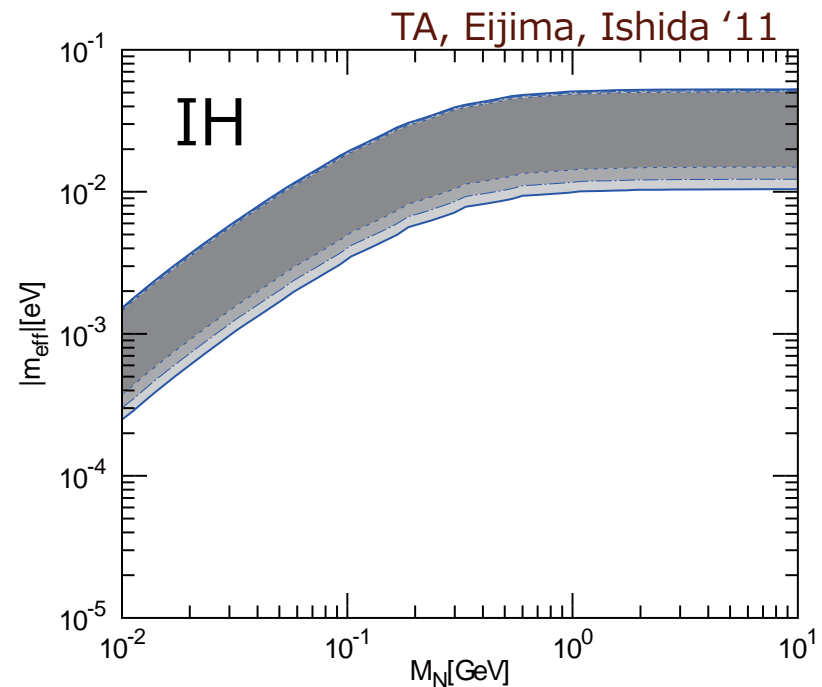
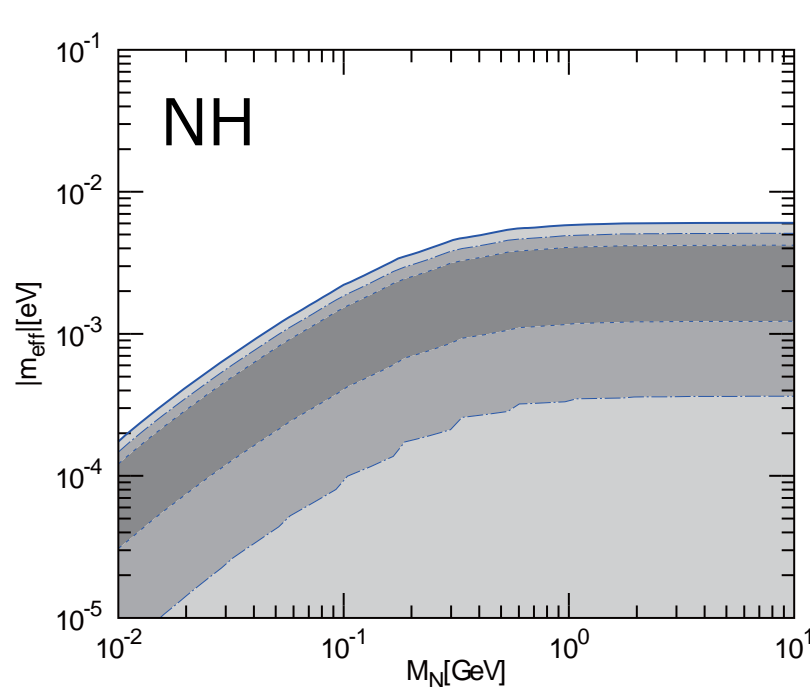
- ▣ This shows $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay does not occur even if neutrinos are Majorana fermions.
- ▣ In this case, there is no bound on the mixing from $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay

$0\nu\beta\beta$ decay in the seesaw

- When all HNLs are degenerate $M_I = M_N$,

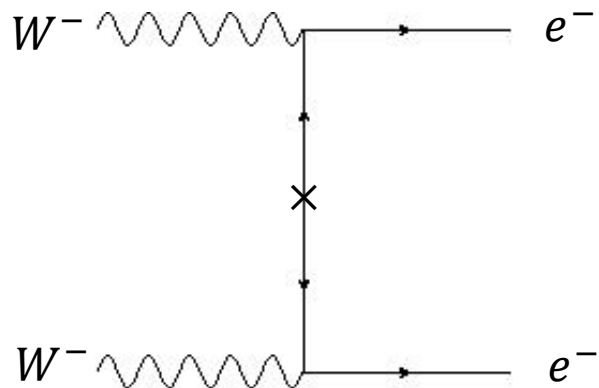
$$m_{\text{eff}} = \sum_i m_i U_{ei}^2 + \sum_I f_\beta(M_I) M_I \Theta_{eI}^2 = m_{\text{eff}}^{\nu} [1 - f_\beta(M_N)]$$

- This shows $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay does not depend on the mixing of HNL
- In this case, there is no bound on the mixing from $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay

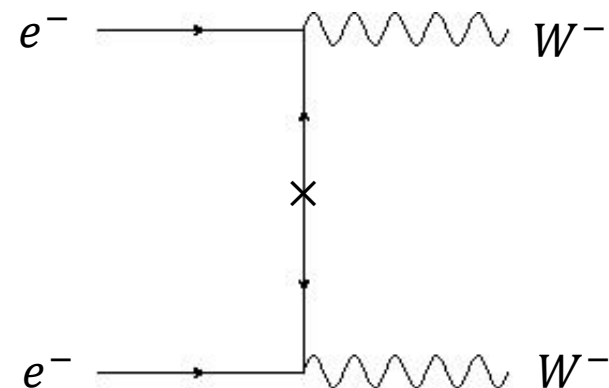
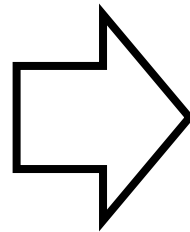


Another example of LNV:

$$e^- e^- \rightarrow W^- W^-$$



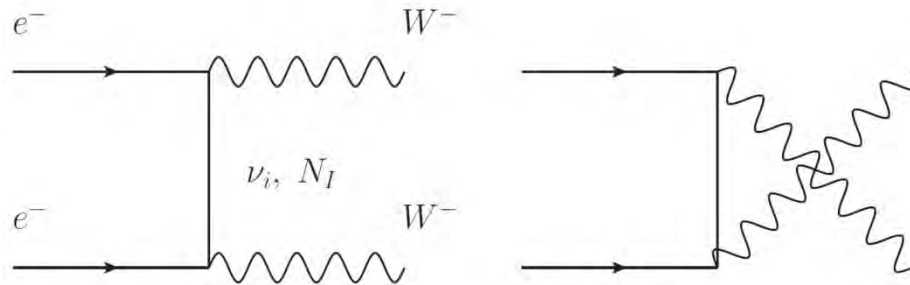
$0\nu\beta\beta$ decay



Inverse $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay

- $e^-e^- \rightarrow W^-W^-$ offers test for LNV

[T. G. Rizzo 1982]



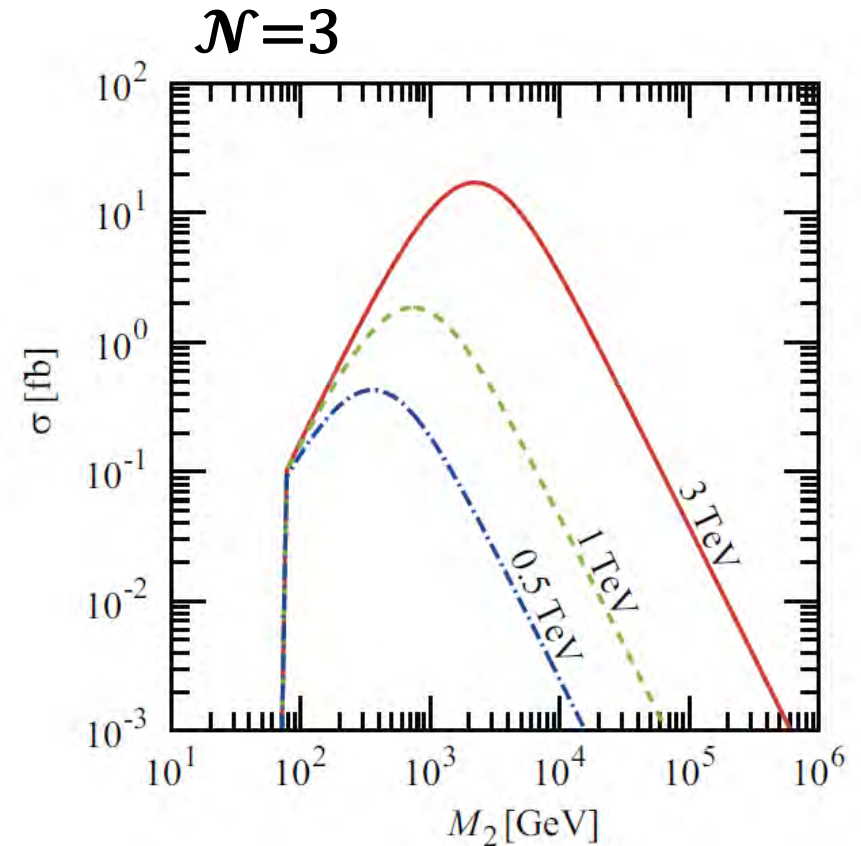
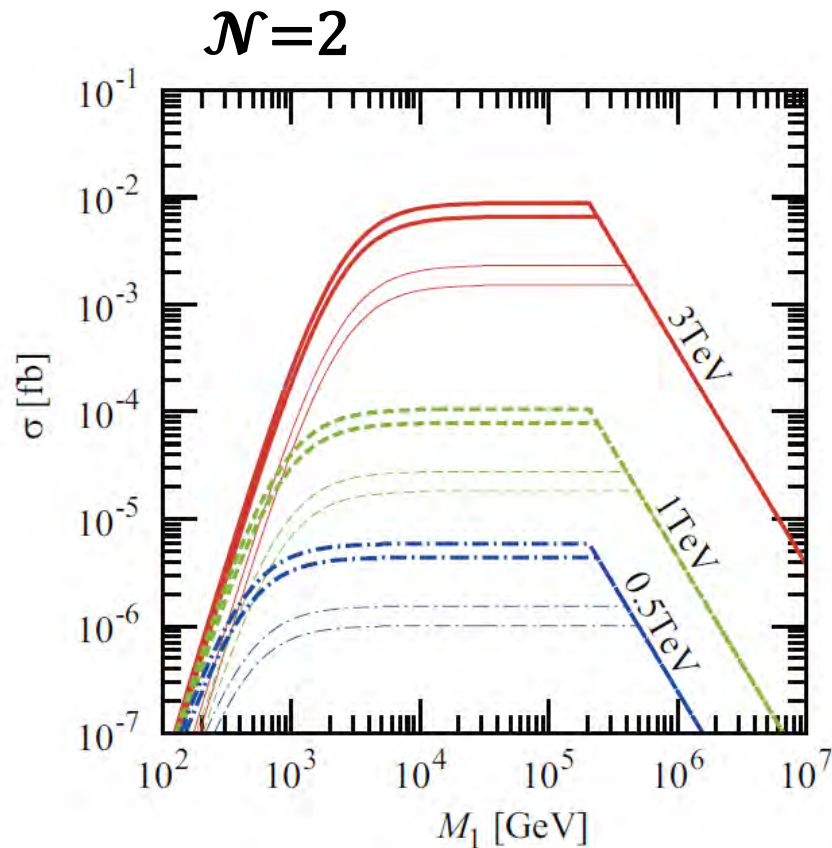
- e^-e^- collision is option of ILC, CLIC
- Advantages over $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay
 - Signal is clean
 - Free from uncertainty in nuclear matrix elements
 - Can occur even if $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay is absent

→ Inverse $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay and $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay are complementary tests for LNV in the seesaw mechanism

Inverse $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay in the seesaw

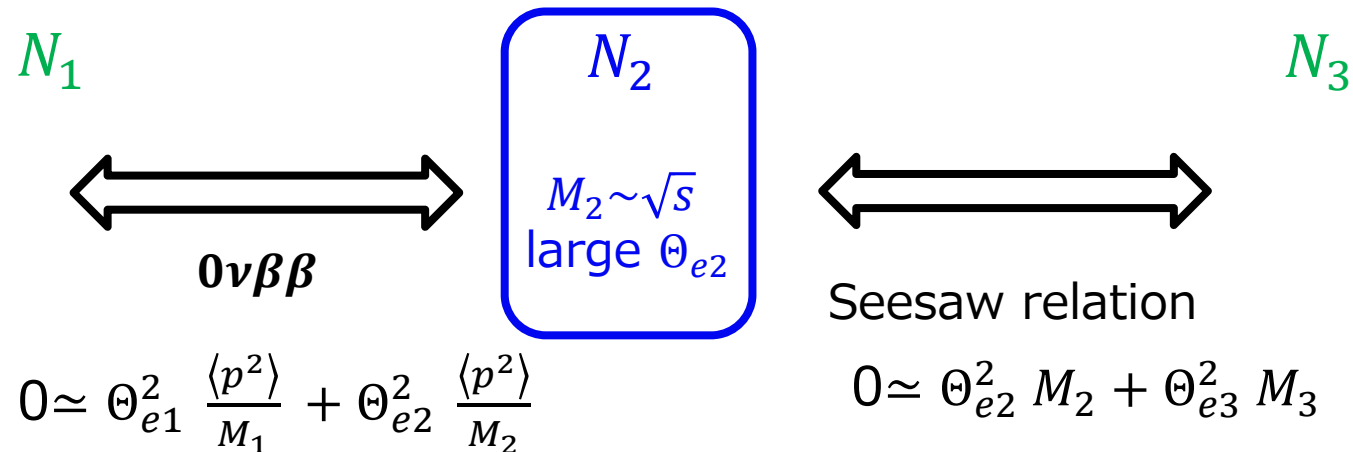
- Maximal cross section of $e^-e^- \rightarrow W^-W^-$

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Inverse $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay in the seesaw

- How obtain large cross section ? --- idea



of right-handed neutrinos ≥ 3

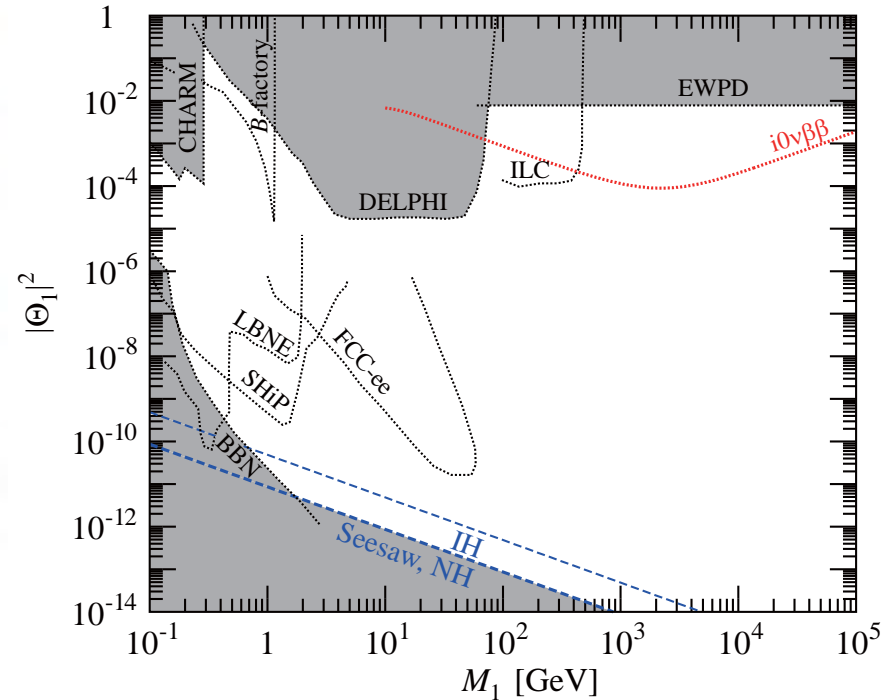
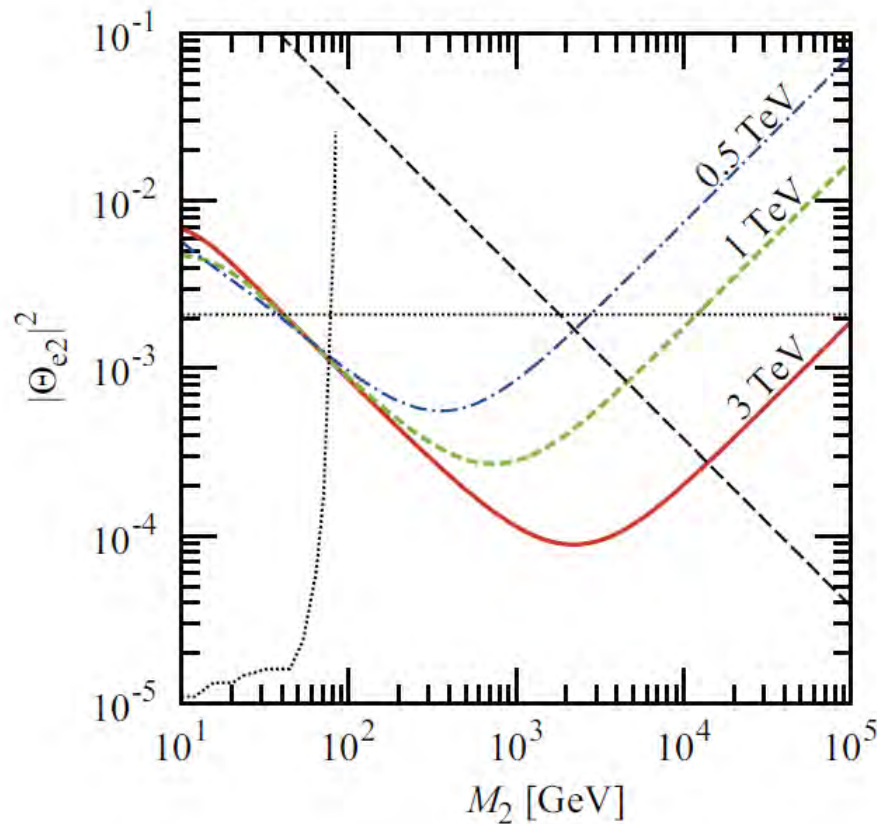
- Even with the seesaw relation and the $0\nu\beta\beta$ bound, the mixing of N_2 can be large as

$$|\Theta_{e2}|^2 < |\Theta_e|_{EWPD}^2 = 2.1 \times 10^{-3} \quad \rightarrow \text{Large } \sigma(e^-e^- \rightarrow W^-W^-)$$

Inverse $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay in the seesaw

- Sensitivity of mixing (@100 fb⁻¹)

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LVN in the seesaw

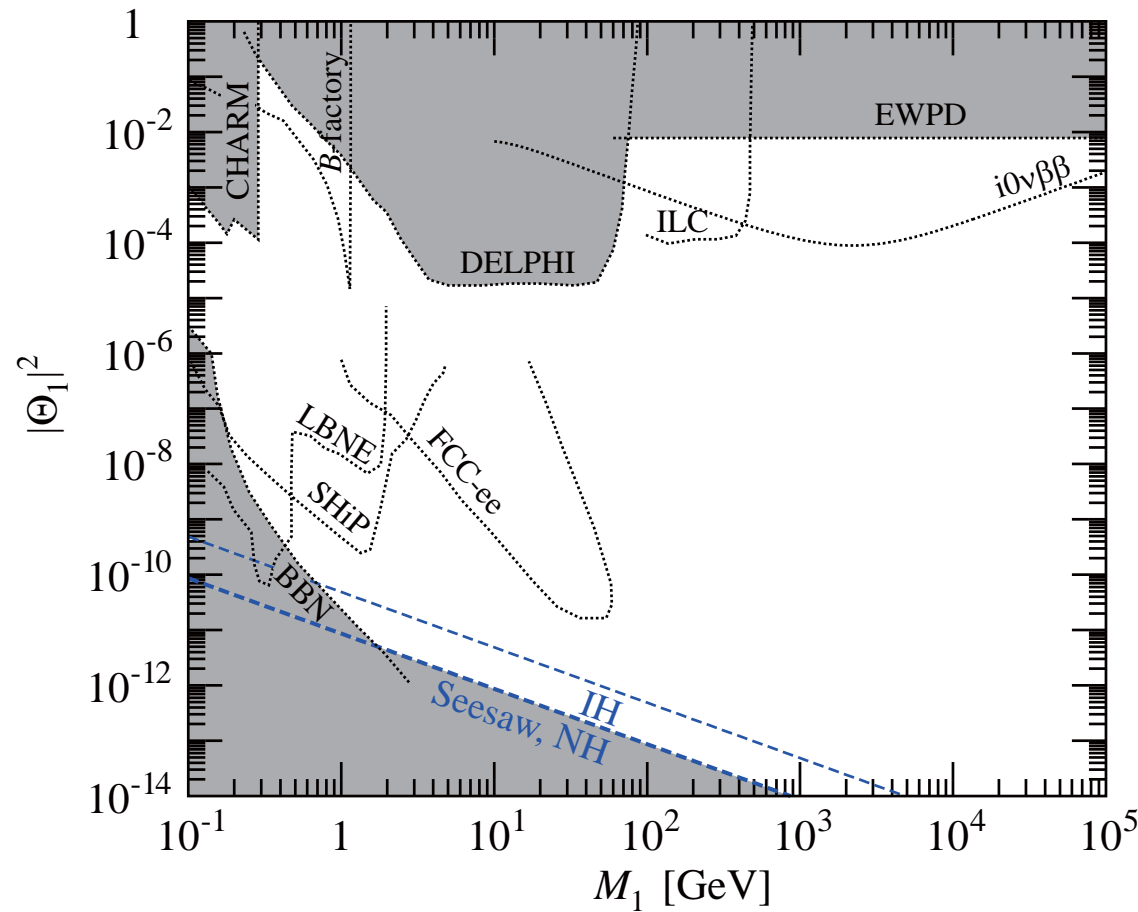
- Comments on inverse $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay
 - ▣ Polarized beams
 - cross section becomes four times larger
 - turned on/off by flipping beam polarization
 - ▣ To avoid the $0\nu\beta\beta$ bound,
 - HNL with $M_1 < M_2$ and $\Theta_{e1} = -\frac{M_1}{M_2}\Theta_{e2}$ is required
 - good target for experimental searches
 - ▣ Inverse $0\nu\beta\beta$ is severely restricted from perturbativity

- Other LVN processes in the seesaw mechanism
 - ▣ $pp \rightarrow \ell^+ N \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^+ j j$ @LHC
 - ▣ $B^+ \rightarrow \ell^+ N \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^+ \pi^-$ @SuperKEKB
 - ▣ $K^+ \rightarrow \ell^+ N \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^+ \pi^-$ @J-PARC
 - ▣ ...

Perturbativity in the seesaw mechanism

TA, Tsuyuki [arXiv:1509.02678](https://arxiv.org/abs/1509.02678)

- HNL N_1 can be observed if it has sufficiently small mass and large mixing $|\theta_1|^2 \gg m_\nu/M_1$



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- Seesaw relation: $0 = \sum_i U_{\alpha i}^2 m_i + \Theta_{\alpha 1}^2 M_1 + \sum_{I=2}^{\mathcal{N}} \Theta_{\alpha I}^2 M_I$ \mathcal{N} : # of RHNs

- There exists at least one HNL N_2 to cancel the N_1 contribution !

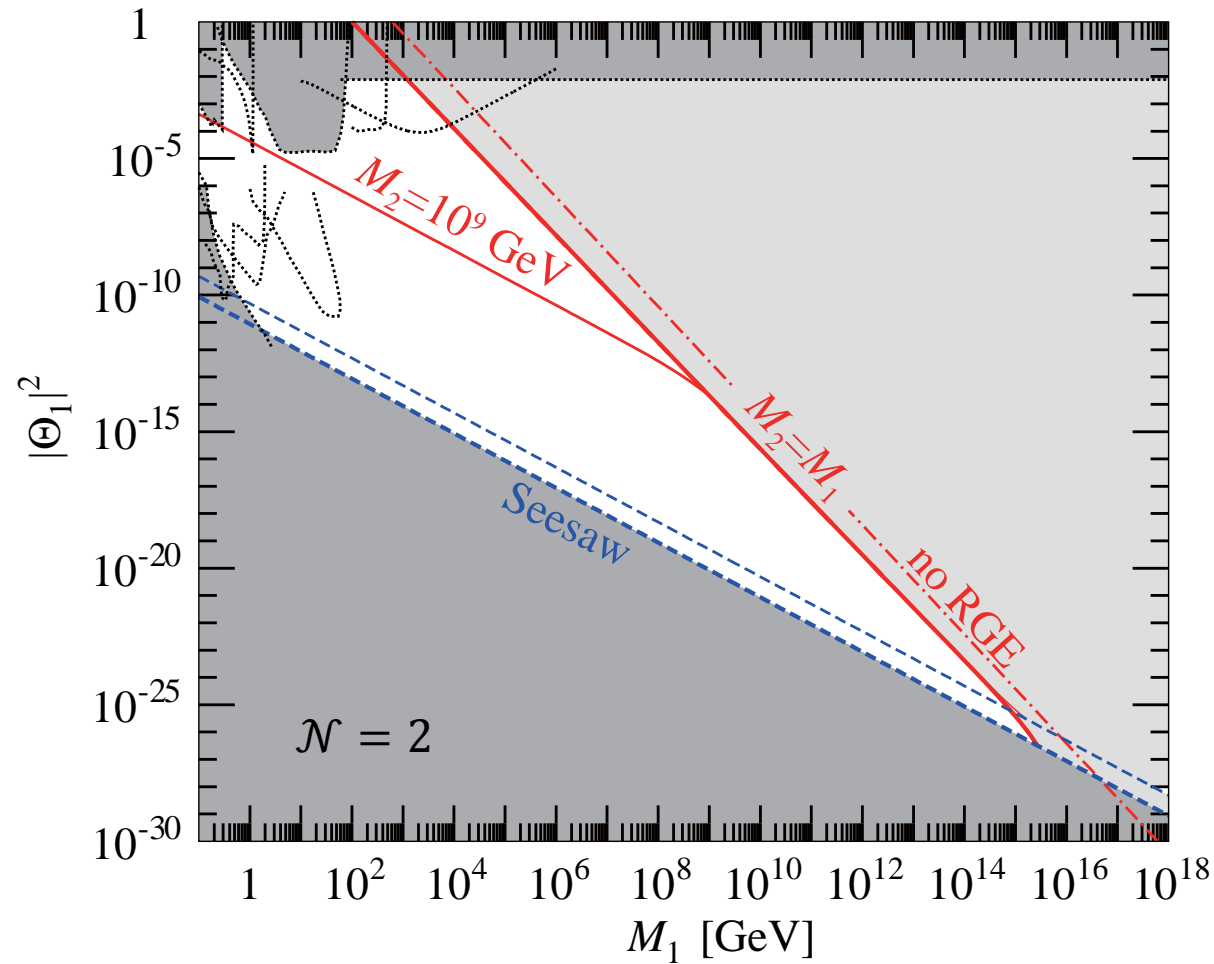
$$\Theta_{\alpha 2}^2 M_2 = -\Theta_{\alpha 1}^2 M_1$$

- Mixings: $|\Theta_{\alpha 2}|^2 = \frac{M_1}{M_2} |\Theta_{\alpha 1}|^2$
 - Yukawa couplings: $|F_{\alpha 2}|^2 = \frac{M_2}{M_1} |F_{\alpha 1}|^2$
- $|F_{\alpha 2}|^2 = \frac{M_2^2}{\langle \Phi \rangle^2} |\Theta_{\alpha 2}|^2$

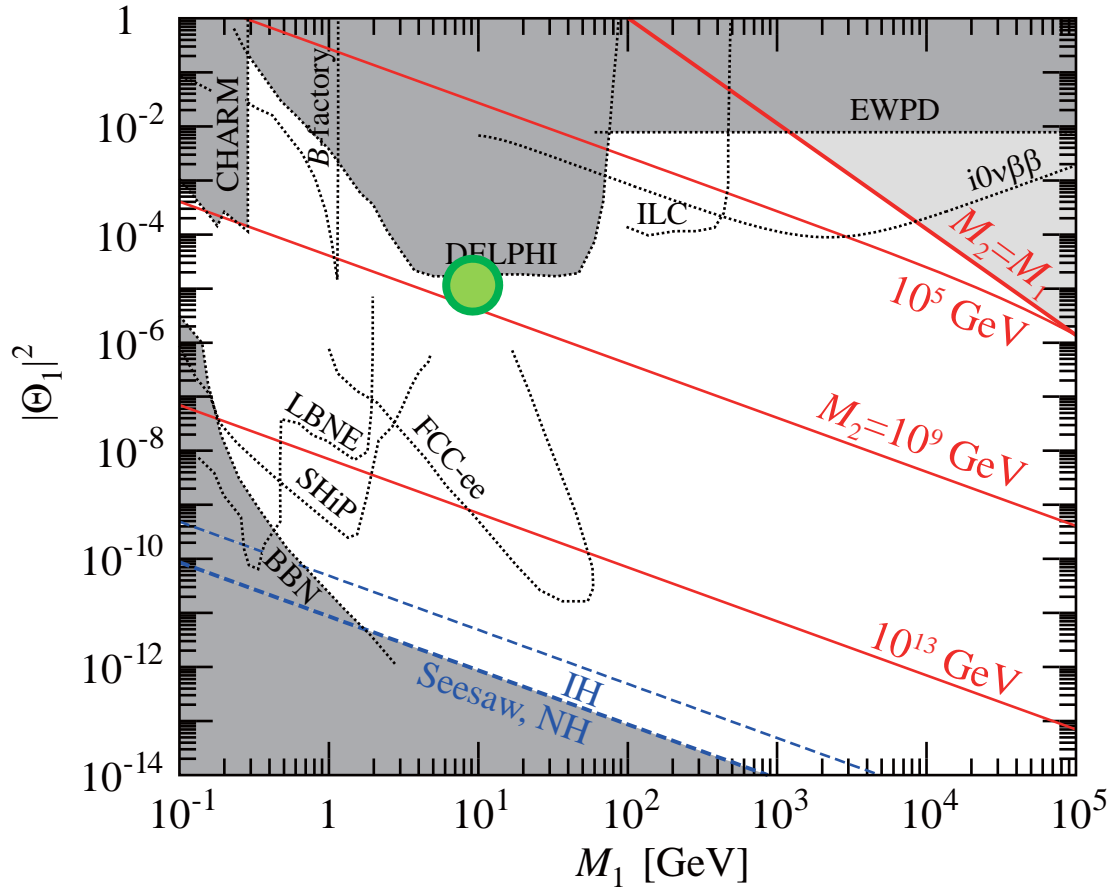
- Perturbativity gives the upper bound on the mixing

$$|\Theta_{\alpha 1}|^2 \leq \sum_{I=2}^{\mathcal{N}} |\Theta_{\alpha I}|^2 \frac{M_I}{M_1} = \sum_{I=2}^{\mathcal{N}} \frac{|F_{\alpha I}|^2 \langle \Phi \rangle^2}{M_1 M_I} \leq \frac{4\pi(\mathcal{N} - 1) \langle \Phi \rangle^2}{M_1 M_2}$$

- Upper bound on mixing



Implication to high energy phenomena



If HNL N_1 with $M_1 \sim 10$ GeV and $|\Theta_1|^2 \sim 10^{-5}$ is discovered, perturbativity requires $M_2 < 10^9$ GeV !

Leptogenesis is disfavored !

HNL searches at low energy can probe high energy phenomena such as leptogenesis !



Summary

- Right-handed neutrinos are well-motivated physics beyond the Standard Model
- They can explain neutrino masses through the seesaw mechanism and baryon asymmetry of the universe (BAU) (via leptogenesis, neutrino oscillation, ...) at the same time.
- Experimental tests of such right-handed neutrinos are important to understand the origin of neutrino masses and BAU